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The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.

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SAN FRANCISCO
SATURDAY, NOV. 6, 1885.

Notice.
THE TRUSTEES OF THE FIREMAN'S CEMETERY OF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, hereby offer a premium of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50), for the best plans and specifications, for an iron railing with brick or granite base, to be placed around the fireman's plot in Lone Mountain Cemetery. Further information in respect to the matter, may be obtained at the office of Henry A. Cobb, No. 102 Montgomery street.

All plans and specifications must be sent in by the 6th of November.

H. A. COBB, Chairman,
G. H. HOSSEFFROSS,
JNO. C. LANE,
Trustees Cemetery S. F. F. D.

Acknowledgment.
The undersigned acknowledges the receipt of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, from A. B. Grogan, Esq., in aid of the Fireman's Cemetery Fund.

HENRY A. COBB,
Ch'm Trustee Fireman's Cemetery.

Sacramento Agency.
GEORGE J. LITTLE is the duly authorized agent of the FIREMAN'S JOURNAL, in Sacramento. All orders for the paper left at his office, only, will be attended to promptly.

By reference to another column it will be seen that the Cemetery Fund is rapidly accumulating, and in a short time the funds necessary for the railing and monument will have been subscribed. Mr. Grogan, the agent of the owners of the buildings injured by the fire on Monday night, has donated the Fund one hundred dollars, and the Butchers' Association have notified Mr. Cobb, that they will donate to the Cemetery Fund, the surplus of the receipts of their ball, which will amount to about one hundred and fifty dollars. It will thus be seen that considerable interest is being manifested in the Fund, and if the firemen would evince a corresponding degree of interest, the amount necessary could be procured by the first of January next. It will require thirty-five hundred dollars to carry out the design of the Trustees.

The plans for the railing and monument will be opened on the 10th (Wednesday) next, and all proposals for building the base and putting up the railing, must be sent in to Mr. Cobb, by the 20th, at which time they will be opened, and the work given out. The Committee, we understand, will reserve the right to themselves to reject any or all bids for the work. Neither will they consider themselves bound to accept the lowest bid. While it is their object to have the work done in an economical manner as possible, they do not intend to allow a few dollars' difference in a bid, to preclude them from accepting terms of an advantageous nature.

The procurement of a Fireman's Cemetery was first advanced in this paper, on the appearance of its second number. We strongly advocated it at that time, and have at every convenient opportunity since, and it is a source of great gratification to us that our ideas have been so well seconded by the people and the Department.

LADDER.—There is not a single ladder in the Department sufficient to reach properly the 3d story of a building like that of Vance's. There should be three fifty-five foot ladders constructed and placed in localities where they could be easily obtained. One for instance at the Plaza, one at the corner of Broadway and Dupont street; and one at the junction of Market and Bush streets. They are indispensably necessary, and there should be no delay in procuring them. We have spoken of this matter before, but it was not deemed feasible, but had there been ladders of the length we speak of, at the fire of Monday, the firemen would have found just how advantageous they were. It would be for the Chief Engineer to take some action in the matter.

A HOSE COMPANY.—The want of a Hose Company in the Department, independent of every other company, was practically demonstrated on Monday night. With but three or four exceptions there was not a reel in the Department properly supplied with hose, and to that fact may be attributed the delay in getting to work. Companies will never carry fire hose sufficient, until "engine playing" at fires is put a stop to, and as that probably never will be done, the only remedy is the formation of a Hose Company, with a carriage capable of carrying one thousand feet of hose. We do hope the Chief Engineer will immediately take some steps in the matter.

NEW CARPET.—We have heard it stated, that among the first acts of the new Board of Delegates, will be the passage of a resolution appropriating an amount sufficient for the purchase of a new carpet, and fixing up the room of the Board in good order. The expense will not be very heavy, and we are glad to know the matter will be so speedily attended to.

GOES INTO OFFICE.—George H. Hosseffross, Superintendent of Streets and Cows, goes into office on the 15th of the present month. We are glad of it, for we do really believe he will see that the streets are in some sort of going order for vehicles, and particularly, engines.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—Governor Weller has appointed Thursday, Nov. 26th, as a Day of Thanksgiving. Turkeys, mince-meat and "pumpkin" pies will suffer accordingly.

RESTORED.—By a vote of the Board of Delegates, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Hosseffross was restored to his privileges as a member of the Department, his time of sentence having but twenty-four hours more to run.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday evening next, at which time the members of the new Board will take their seats.

ARRIVED.—The first Overland Mail from this city to St. Louis, arrived in 24 days 18 hours and 25 minutes. Its arrival was received with great enthusiasm by the people of St. Louis.

A CANDIDATE.—William F. Freeman, of Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, is a candidate for Third Assistant Engineer, at the next election.

THANKS.—To W. R. Loomis, news-agent, corner of Washington and Sansome streets, for a large budget of papers, etc., received by last steamer.

IN TOWN.—We have had the pleasure of a visit this week from Mr. A. Goldsmith, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of New York.

NOMINATED.—John Pennycook has been nominated for Assistant Engineer, by Columbia Engine Company No. 11, of which he is Foreman.

L. W. B. SACRAMENTO.—Your letter received, all right.

Board of Delegates.

An adjourned stated meeting of the Board of Delegates, was held at their chambers in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of investigating the matters in dispute between the Fire Department and Vigilant Engine Co. No. 9. Charles S. Biden, President pro tem. presided, and twenty-five members answered roll call. Messrs. Franklin J. Jones, of No. 12, and M. Lynch, of No. 13, appeared as counsel for the Department, and Mr. W. H. Boyce, of No. 9, for his company.

The trial of the case occupied the time of the Board until 1 o'clock, a. m. Thursday morning, when it could have been settled in five minutes. The constitution of No. 9 says, that a man to be elected to any official position in the company, must receive a majority of the votes of all the members present. There were fifty-four members present at the meeting of No. 9, at their annual election for officers, and it required twenty-eight votes to elect. Mr. Short received 27; Mr. Fitzpatrick, 26; blank, 1. Under any circumstances Mr. Short could not have been elected under that vote, and certainly not when the blank was counted, which made it a tie vote. Had this fact been represented to the Board, at the outset, by Mr. Jones, who must have been cognizant of it, as we said before, the matter could have been disposed of in five minutes.

A number of witnesses were examined as to the matters relating to the membership of Messrs. Snook and Luther. The latter was declared a member of the Department by the Board, and Mr. Snook was thrown out, as it was clearly proved he had not, at the time of the election of officers of No. 9, fully met the requirements of the company to make him a bona fide member.

After the examination of witnesses and summing up on the part of the respective counsel, the vote was taken on the following question:—"Has the appeal been sustained?" The roll being called, the appeal of Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Cornell, to the Board of Delegates, to declare the election of Mr. John Short, as Foreman, and Mr. Joseph T. Pierson, as Second Assistant Foreman, illegal, was sustained by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Platt, Martin, Smith, Lake, Pow, ell, Shaffer, Chase, Fletcher, Mount, Toomey, Jones, Hayes, Whalen, Lynch, Plum, Schulte, Cherry, Mitchell, Hudson, Biden.

The following members of the Board were excused from voting:

Messrs. Crane, Rand, Kohlmas, Boyce, and Bartlett.

FIRST WATER.—It was not our intention to say anything in regard to the first and second water at Vance's fire, for the reason that the firemen had many obstacles to contend with on that night, and it was a matter of considerable doubt; and we requested the reporters of the city press to refrain from making any remarks on the subject. The following from the *Morning Call*, of Tuesday, leaves no alternative, in justice to other companies in the Department, to allude to the affair:

"The alarm was quickly given, and although the Department, led by Nos. 5 and 1, was as usual prompt, etc."

The facts of the case are these. Knickerbocker 5 was the first engine on Montgomery street, and proceeded to the cistern at the corner of Commercial street, to take suction. Almost simultaneously with No. 5, Monumental 6 came up to the same cistern, broadside; No. 5 was compelled to back down. No. 5 had two pieces of suction to attach, No. 6 but one. No. 5 first led to the fire, but were short of hose, it reaching only half-way up the first flight of stairs of the building on fire. They connected their pipe, however, and started the water, and just as they got under full headway, their hose burst at the very doorway, and they were compelled to back down, until more hose could be procured. In the meantime No. 6, having a sufficiency of hose, led into the building and on to the fire through 400 feet; and we are informed by the Chief Engineer that No. 6's water was the first on the fire, and Howard 3, the second; both companies carrying an amount of hose sufficient to reach around any block. Had No. 5 proper depth of hose, they would have had first water for the fire, against any odds, and No. 6, the second. In regard to the Empires' (company) did excellent service at the fire, having their line of hose over Grattan's building on Sacramento street, they were a little slow in getting to work, instead of leading the Department in the language of the *Call*, for this reason. The engine was out of service and under undergoing repairs, and Mr. Scannell, the Foreman, had given orders not to roll her unless there was a large fire, or one in the immediate neighborhood. When the alarm was struck, there was some hesitation on the part of the members whether to roll her or not, until Mr. Van Orden, First Assistant Engineer of the Department, and member of 1, informed them of the extent of the fire, and requested them to roll, which they did to advantage.

THE ALTA AND CALL.—These papers, in their endeavors to procure fire items in advance, fall into some very ridiculous errors. Both papers have announced Geo. A. Hudson, of Sansome Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3, as a candidate for President of the Fire Department, when he is not a member of the new Board of Delegates. The *Call* announces C. Walsh, of No. 7, as a candidate for Assistant Engineer, when that gentleman is from No. 8. The *Alta* states that the annual meeting of St. Francis Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, for the election of officers, took place on Wednesday evening, whereas it was only a regular monthly meeting of the company, at which two officers took the opportunity to resign. The *Bulletin*, *Herald* and *Telegram*, copying from one or the other of the above papers, fall into the same errors.

CALIFORNIA LIGHT GUARD.—This is the name of a new military company lately formed in this city, the election for the officers of which takes place Friday afternoon next, at the army, No. 118 Montgomery street. We visited the army of the "Light Guard" on Thursday, and was much pleased with the taste displayed in fitting it up. The room is handsomely carpeted, the walls painted and decorated with appropriate paintings and engravings, and a strong indication given of earnestness in the organization. The company was formed about five weeks since, and already numbers fifty men on the roll. The style of uniform has not yet been decided upon, but will be either blue or gray. Lieut. Col. Henry A. Cobb has been appointed by the County Court to superintend the election for officers.

YOUNG AMERICA No. 6.—The apparatus for Young America Engine Company No. 6, of Sacramento, having been finished, was to be taken to Folsom Point, Baltimore, on Tuesday, October 6th, and if found satisfactory, was to be immediately shipped. There was considerable rivalry among the companies as to who should have the honor of working her on the trip; and it was finally awarded to Columbia Engine Company No. 9, well known to Baltimoreans, here as "Blue Devils." The Independent Engine Company No. 6 would also take part, together with delegations from other companies. The affair had occasioned great excitement among the firemen in Baltimore, and it was expected an immense concourse of people would be present at the trial. A grand entrance was to be given in the evening by the "Blue Devils." The next steamer will bring full particulars.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

An election for Foreman and First Assistant of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, took place on Tuesday evening last, at which time Mr. H. A. Cobb, who has served the company honorably and faithfully as their foreman, resigned his position. Mr. T. A. Mitchell, formerly Secretary of the company, was elected foreman in place of Mr. Cobb; G. Dastugas Assistant foreman. Mr. Cobb was unanimously elected President of the company.

Upon the presentation of Mr. Cobb's resignation as foreman, he made the following eloquent and appropriate remarks, which were received with great enthusiasm by the Lafayette's:

Officers and members of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.—GENTLEMEN:—It is five years since, for the first time I was called on, to command your company. During five years, you have renewed the trust reposed in me, and since this epoch I am happy to say, I have every reason to be proud of your zeal and co-operation in the task we had undertaken in common—"the advancement and prosperity of the Lafayette Company." On your part, gentlemen, I hope you will do me the justice to admit the incessant care and attention I have given my command. By comparing the present situation of the Company with its position five years ago, I find myself sufficiently recompensed for my labors. I have often told you gentlemen that my health and occupations would not permit me to fill as I should desire, the position of foreman of your company. At our last election, that you would not elect me, I was very glad to hear. I added, that I would like the liberty to tender you my resignation, as soon as I should find amongst you a successor, competent to maintain the company in its actual state of prosperity.

Do not believe that I am the least careless of you, or of my capacity, but wholly from attachment to the company, and because I desired its real well-being and advancement, I have been constrained to resign. Your position as natives of a foreign soil in the midst of an American population, requires that your chief should be a binding-link between the two elements—Furnishing a means of unity, and that your foreman should have a position before the public, which would cause you to be respected in him.

Well, I believe you have such a person amongst you, I believe that our comrade Mitchell, is worthy to march at your head—his capable of causing you to prosper and be respected; therefore, faithful to my promise, I this day tender you my resignation as foreman, assuring you at the same time, my dear friends and comrades that my best care is in reserve for you, as in the past, that I shall always be with you, that I will continue to represent you in the Board of Fire Delegates of the City of San Francisco, and that you will always find me a good comrade and worthy Lafayette.

THE EXPERIMENT.—The San Joaquin Republic of Tuesday, says: "The suction well, of which we have before spoken, was tried yesterday. It had been sunk to the depth of thirty-eight feet only, and the water was withdrawn about four o'clock, and the suction pipe of galvanized iron, well riveted and soldered, thirty-two feet in length and four inches in diameter, was sunk through the hole in the board at the top of the bore, a flange kept it from sinking further. At the top of the pipe was an elbow turning it, and about one foot from the elbow was a suction coupling. To this, about half-past four, the Eureka Engine Company attached their suction, and commenced working, playing through fifty feet of hose and a nozzle. The machine did not appear to 'take hold' well, whether from want of water, or from the nature of the soil, we could not determine. The stream was muddy and languid, and in about four minutes the water was exhausted.

At the suggestion of Capt. Farsall, of the Eureka, the machine was then taken to Court House Square, to which place the suction pipe was also removed and placed in the well which was at first dug at the side of the artesian well, and upon which, on account of an accident, operations were stopped at the depth of four hundred feet. Here the Eureka was again put to work, being manned with a full company. They made some fine throwing, playing through fifty seven feet of hose out of the open butt, failing, however, to make any visible impression upon the quantity of water in the well.

The holders in the project of supplying water by means of these wells, in case of fire, are rather encouraged than otherwise by the experiments of yesterday. They believe that by boring to the proper depth, lightening the side of the bore, and making some other provisions, the experiment will yet be successful."

CANDIDATES.—We heard a few days since that there were twenty-two candidates for the position of bell ringer on the City Hall Bell. The number, although very large, did not startle us on paper, strange, but still we thought it would be well to inquire into the affair, and see how far rumor was truthful. We therefore, after making diligent research, present the following list as the result of our labors, with the promise that we will not cease, until we find out every man of them: Empire 1, Wm. Levis; Manhattan 2, John D. Swift, (present incumbent); B. Ballou; California 4, Daniel Hayes; Knickerbocker 5, L. Stivers, and Henry Derrick; Volunteer 7, E. Stratton, (present incumbent); Crescent 10, J. E. Smith, (present incumbent); Columbian 11, P. Larkin; Tiger 14, J. Mordecai, and Geo. Pierce.

Well, gentlemen, we are very sorry to say you cannot all be elected. But those who have the most votes after the ballots are counted on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th, may consider themselves as having been selected.

EMPIRE No. 1.—The apparatus of this Company requires a thorough overhauling and repair, and as soon as the proper relief can be furnished the company which is thoroughly an active one, the alterations should be made. She should be placed on springs, the present "ton" of a bed plate taken out of her, and a lighter and more suitable one put in; she requires an entire new set of wheels, and various other little improvements, which will render her a serviceable engine of her kind. Her "Vitals" i. e. machinery are A No. 1, and are a credit to the builder of the engine, Mr. Worth. We do not think they require much doctoring. The Chief Engineer has heretofore recommended the repairs and alterations made, that we speak of, and it would be but a matter of justice to the "Empire" that that work be ordered. The cost would probably amount to seven or eight hundred dollars, but it would be money judiciously, justly, and deservedly expended.

INDEPENDENT NATIONAL GUARD.—This splendid corps intend giving a series of magnificent soirees, at Musical Hall, during the coming winter, the first one of which will be given on Thanksgiving evening, the 26th inst. The reputation of the "Guard" is so well known that it would be superfluous for us to say anything complimentary of them. They are acknowledged on all sides to be the best drilled of all our military, and in point of discipline, equal to the National Guard of New York. The "Guard" are in a prosperous condition, being entirely free from debt, and their entertainments will be given on a scale of great magnificence.

SENIOR BROTHERS.—By the arrival of the Overland Mail Coach at Placerville, on Wednesday, we learn that Senior Broderick and Major Channing, arrived at Salt Lake, on the 18th October. Mr. Broderick was not seriously indisposed, but looked haggard and way-worn. Mr. B. left Placerville on the 20th October.

ST. FRANCIS HOOK AND L.—At a regular monthly meeting of this company held on Wednesday evening, J. Berry, Jr., was elected First Assistant Foreman, vice H. Bertholt, resigned; and P. M. O'Connell, Second Assistant Foreman, vice F. O. Wegner, resigned.

Fires and Alarms.

Oct. 30, 7 p. m.—Alarm from Monumental bell, roof of French Restaurant, on Dupont street near Washington; caught from stovepipe; damage trifling; No. 6 stretched for service; portion of the Department out.

Nov. 1, 7 1/2 p. m.—Alarm from Hall Bell, Sixth District. Fire proceeding from the Daguerrean Rooms of R. H. Vance, in the 3d story of the large brick building at the southwest corner of Montgomery and Sacramento streets, originating from the bursting of a spirit lamp. When the alarm was first given, the fire had gained but little headway; but, owing to the height of the building, it was a long time before the force of the department could be made effective; and the material in the third story being of a very inflammable nature, the fire gained rapidly. The bursting of at least fourteen lengths of hose in use by various companies and the blocking up of the street by a mass of useless do-nothings, contributed largely to retard the work of the firemen. As it was, they did wonders in fighting the flames and confining the fire to a portion of the roof and 3d story. In any other city—New York for instance, the building would have been destroyed. The loss by fire will not reach over \$3,500, and Mr. Grogan, the owner is of the opinion that a much less amount will restore the building to its original position. Mr. Vance's loss will reach at least \$15,000, upon which he has an insurance of \$8000. The loss by water is very heavy, the fire being of a nature which required drowning out before it could be entirely extinguished; and the consequence is that the occupants of the stores underneath are heavy losers. Messrs. Danaher and Smith lose about \$4000. They are fully insured in the office of Fowler & McLean. N. Skerrett, loses about \$2000, no insurance. This gentleman with great presence of mind covered up a great portion of his stock with oil cloths he had in his store, and a tarpaulin procured from Tamm & McCall, and by these means a large amount of property was saved. It would be well for all gentlemen engaged in the dry goods trade to supply themselves with oil cloth or heavy duck, so that in a case of the kind they might be useful. It is impossible to quench a fire without water, and the latter must find an outlet, either through the fire, or the exposure of fire laces, rich silks, etc. The blame is not with the firemen, their motto is "We desire to save." Mr. Hayden lost \$600; Mr. Wise \$3000; and Dr. Gunn \$500. The entire loss will reach the sum of \$29,000, upon which there is an insurance of \$18,000. The fire is a monument to the firemen and reflects the highest credit upon them. Too much praise cannot be awarded Chief Engineer Whitney, for the skillful and firemanlike manner in which he managed during the conflagration. The Assistant Engineers, were prompt and efficient.

Nov. 1st, 9 a. m.—Alarm from Monumental Bell. Carpenter shop on Brenham Place. Damage trifling. Portion of the Department out. No. 6 in service.

Nov. 1st, 9 a. m.—Hall bell alarm; Fourth District. Gas works in the rear of Metropolitan Block. Damage trifling. Entire Department out. No. 6 and 10 in service.

Nov. 2nd, 7 1/2 p. m.—Alarm from Monumental Bell. Fire in rear of Monumental of house, occasioned by Chinaman dropping fireworks in a lot of straw. Extinguished with buckets of water. No. 6, stretched for service. Portions of the Department out. Had the reporter of the *Times* made any inquiry as to the above, he would have found there was some foundation for the alarm.

Nov. 3, 10 1/2 p. m.—Still alarm; old vacant frame building in St. Ann's Valley; totally destroyed; value, \$300; set on fire purposely, with a view to bring out the Department. The bell ringer did right in not sounding an alarm. There is not a full-tub of water in the whole Valley, available to the Department, and the run would have been a useless one, and might have occasioned a great deal of trouble.

NEW YORK FIRE POLITICS.—We have been favored with the perusal of a letter, written to a gentleman of this city, by the justly celebrated fire correspondent "Dix," of the *Eastern Press*.—He, it is well known, was an enthusiastic supporter of Alfred Carson, and violently opposed, as a matter of course, to Harry Howard; and an opinion of his respecting Howard, may be relied on.

He says "that a movement is already on foot to elect Harry Howard, Chief Engineer, and strange as it may seem, the re-election of Harry Howard is a foregone conclusion; that is, if he desires the office."

Since Howard's elevation to the Chief Engineer, he has made friends of many of his enemies, and on the other hand, has lost many of his warmest supporters. Only a short time ago, we were shown a letter from one of Carson's bitterest foes and Howard's most prominent advocates, in which he handled the latter without gloves, denouncing him in the severest manner, regretting that he had ever supported him, and expressing the opinion that he was unworthy to be the Chief of the New York firemen.

We have been long enough in the ranks to know that the loves and hates of firemen are of a very transitory nature; here to-day and gone to-morrow, according to circumstances, or as self-interest may best serve. And as it is in the Department, so it is in all; firemen are the same, whatever point of the compass they may hail from. They are something similar to a fox. The head, feet and tail may be cut off, but the fox is there still.—Place the fireman where you may, and he still maintains the feelings, impulses, hopes and ambition of the fireman. Harry Howard has doubtless many warm and ardent friends, and he is indeed not unworthy of being Chief, if he had not an host of enemies. A Chief Engineer, who can say he has an enemy in the ranks, does not perform his duty faithfully.

But now that we are so far in this matter, we make one other observation, and then close; and that is, we, as New Yorkers, would like to see Assistant Engineer, John A. Cregier, elevated to the Chiefship. He deserves the honor upon the position does not admit of argument.—"Dix," let us hear from you again, direct.

FIREMAN'S JOURNAL.—This is the name of a new paper just started in New York, the second number of which we have received. It is devoted to the interests of firemen generally, and appears to be a well conducted and readable sheet. We cordially welcome it into the ranks of journalism, and trust it may be successful. We are glad to see such papers springing into existence; the firemen require able organs of their own.

JEFFERS' ENGINES.—These world-renowned fire engines appear to have carried off the first prizes at nearly all the Firemen's Musters held in the Atlantic States. At the great Albany muster, where more than fifty engines were on the ground, Jeffers' Engine, Franklin No. 6, of Brooklyn, won the first prize of \$500.

PACIFIC No. 8.—At a meeting of Pacific Engine Co. No. 8, held on Saturday evening, Thomas Fox was elected First Assistant Foreman, vice Edwin M. Chapin, resigned; and E. Jones, Second Assistant Foreman, vice Fox, resigned. C. G. Seymour was nominated for Assistant Engineer.

THE NATIONAL.—We beg to inform the National that the gentleman elected President of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, is named Henry A. Cobb, and not "Howell," as reported in that paper on Thursday; and Mr. Mitchell's name is T. A. Not F. A.

Correspondence.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13, 1885.
H. A. Cobb Esq., Foreman of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, 8 F. R. 17.—SIR:—Having in my possession the beautiful statue of Lafayette which was borne in the procession of Sept. 1867, on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of that hero's birth, I beg permission to present the same, through you, to the Company under your command.

The proportions of this statue make it peculiarly adapted for a place in a public building; and there are excellent reasons why the statue should be in your Company should, above all others, be preserved. In honor of Lafayette, your Company is named; from the country of his nativity have come many of its members; nothing, therefore, can be more appropriate than giving his statue into the keeping of the Lafayettees.

Trusting that the recipients may derive as much pleasure from the statue as I have experienced by having it in my power to place it in their possession, I have the honor to remain very respectfully yours,

JOHN C. LANE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13, 1885.
John C. Lane Esq.—Dear Sir:—Your communication dated 13th inst., tendering the Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company, the beautiful statue of General Lafayette, which lately graced the Mechanics' Pavilion, was received, and the statue placed in an appropriate position in the Truck House.

When we look upon your munificent gift, it will serve to remind us of the devoted friendship which existed between that great and good man, and General Washington; 'to the united courage and devotion of whom we owe the present prosperity of this great Republic. It will serve also, to warm the hearts of the Lafayettees' towards the American population, and especially their brethren of the Fire Department.

Please accept our warmest thanks, and I remain your obedient servant,

HENRY A. COBB,
Foreman Lafayette H. and L. Co. No. 2.

DESTROYED.—The magnificent and costly building known as the Crystal Palace, situated at 42nd street, New York, also, the junction with the avenue, was totally destroyed by fire, on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 6th, involving a loss of nearly two millions of dollars. The fair of the American Institute, was being held at the time, and all the property of the exhibitors (who numbered 3900) was entirely consumed. The building and its contents were destroyed in fifty minutes, and the pagoda lay great stress on the fact, that within FIFTEEN MINUTES, after the alarm was given, the firemen were on the ground and at work. Is it possible? Was ever such promptness known?

There were in the Palace no less than three engines, three hose carriages, and a truck, all of which, with the exception of the truck and one hose carriage were destroyed.

Adriatic Engine No. 31, a very beautiful machine, which cost \$2700, was totally destroyed and was one of the finest and most costly engines in the city.

Mohawk engine No. 16, and Pacific Engine No. 28, were both totally destroyed. The former cost \$2000, and the latter \$3000. They were both got as far as the entrance on the 6th avenue, but it was found impossible to get them out of the door.

Eagle Engine No. 1, and Croton Engine No. 6 were also consumed. They were valued at over \$6000.

Empire Engine No. 40, and Hook and Ladder No. 12, were got out and saved.

Nos. 31 and 28 were only placed in the Fair about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and the fire took place shortly before 6 o'clock the same afternoon. It was the intention of the members of No. 31, not to place their machine in until the next day. The engine was a magnificent one, built by Jeffers, and an engraving of which we have now in this office.

Two other engines were to have been placed in the Fair on the 6th; No. 7, of New York, and No. 3, of Brooklyn; but the members no doubt considered themselves lucky in not hurrying up as they intended.

NEW BOOKS.—We are indebted to Messrs. H. H. Bancroft & Co., Booksellers, No. 151 Montgomery street, for several new works lately received by them, a number of them of a most valuable character. While all are worthy a place in every one's library, we must particularly, and pass our opinion on "Mabel Vaughn," by the author of the "Lamp-lighter," which is certainly an intensely interesting volume, and one in the perusal of which we have taken great delight. "The Coopers, or Getting Under Way," a juvenile tale, by Alice B. Haven, a book containing 326 pages of wholesome reading. "The Life of Charlotte Bronte," by the author of "Jane Eyre," etc., two volumes in one; together with William Allan Butler's celebrated "Two Millions," have also been sent us by Messrs. Bancroft & Co., who have an immense stock of books of all kinds, to which they are adding by each steamer. Their establishment is well worthy of a visit from all.

COMING.—The *Herald* states that Mr. James H. Hackett, the best "Falstaff" of the age, was to leave New York on Friday last for the purpose of making a professional tour throughout this State. In addition to Mr. Hackett, we learn from a private source, that Mr. W. H. Chapman and wife, (the widow of Josiah Silsbee) old comedians, and Harvey Clifton, a celebrated light comedian, from the London Theaters, are also on their way to this city.

Board of Foremen.

A meeting of the Foremen of the various engine and truck companies will be held this (Saturday) evening, Nov. 6th, in the Room of the Board of Delegates, at 7 1/2 o'clock. The punctual attendance of every member is solicited. By order, GEO. H. HOSSEFFROSS, Chairman.

IN GOOD TIME.—The Daily Times is in error in saying that the alarm was late in being struck for the fire at Vance's. The bell ringer sounded the alarm with the first cry of fire, but the bell being disarranged at the outset, compelled him to stop, and after striking three or four rounds, to stop, an dually he was unable to strike the alarm at all on that account. The firemen made no complaints against him.

CALIFORNIA 4.—The Board of Supervisors have appropriated \$850, to put the apparatus of this Company in perfect order. It requires it. No. 4 has been in active service for a number of years without repairs being made, and she was gradually becoming so much out of repair, that she had been withdrawn from service, she would have been useless in a very short time. The Company is as active as any in the Department, and composed of the right kind of men.

EUREKA HOSE.—At a meeting of Eureka Hose Company No. 1, of Marysville, C. L. Crackborne was elected Foreman; F. Stinger, First Assistant; J. B. Leaman, Secretary and Treasurer; John Barbee, C. L. Crackborne and F. Stinger, members to the Board of Delegates.

OFFICERS.—At an election for officers of the new Hook and Ladder Company at Yreka, H. Y. D. Van Wyck was elected Foreman; Geo. W. Myers, First Assistant; J. B. Oldham, Second Assistant; H. K. White, Secretary; and C. C. Higby, Treasurer.

THE NATIONAL.—We beg to inform the National that the gentleman elected President of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, is named Henry A. Cobb, and not "Howell," as reported in that paper on Thursday; and Mr. Mitchell's name is T. A. Not F. A.

Sacramento.

In the Union of Wednesday, we find the first quarterly report, dated Oct. 29th, 1885, of Chief Engineer Brickman, of the Sacramento Fire Department. From it we learn the present condition of that Organization, as follows:

ENGINE HOUSES AND LOTS.
Confidence Engine No. 1.—House located on east side of Third street, between J and K streets; fire proof brick building, two stories, city property.

Protection Engine No. 2.—House and lot located on West side of Eighth street, between J and K streets; two stories, fire-proof brick building, city property.

Sacramento Engine No. 3.—House and lot located on Second street, between K and L streets; fire proof brick building, two stories, city property.

Eureka Engine No. 4.—House and lot located on Fifth street, between J and K streets; two story fire proof brick building, city property.

Knickerbocker Engine No. 5.—House and lot located on Fourth street, between K and L streets; two story fire proof brick building, city property.

Young America Engine No. 6.—House and lot located on Tenth street, between J and J streets; two story fire proof brick building, city property.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANIES.
Mutual No. 1.—House and lot situated on Third street, between I and J streets; two story fire proof brick building city property.

Alert No. 2.—House and lot located on Eighth street, between J and K streets; two story fire proof brick building, city property.

HOSE COMPANY.
Neptune Hose Company No. 1.—Located on Fourth street, between I and J streets, hose rented of J. Haworth at \$15 per month.

ENGINEERS AND ADVISOR.
Confidence No. 1.—Third class engine; New York build (old style) two wheeled carriage, in good order; city property; W. B. Hunt, Foreman; 63 members. The first class engine, hose carriage and 600 feet of hose recently constructed by John Agnew, of Philadelphia, for the use of this company is expected to arrive in a short time.

Protection No. 2.—First class engine; two wheeled carriage, built by James Smith New York; in good order; city property; also four wheeled carriage; Company; Nat. Boyce, Foreman; 49 members.

Sacramento No. 3.—First class engine; two wheeled carriage built by Hunneman & Co. Boston; city property; in good order; J. D. Treat, Foreman; 65 members.

Eureka No. 4.—Second class engine; two wheeled carriage; engine built by James Smith New York; city property; in good order; Mat. Karcher, Acting Foreman; 51 members.

Knickerbocker No. 5.—First class engine; two wheeled carriage; built by Button & Co. Waterford, New York; city property; in good order; Wm. Hoag, Foreman; 48 members.

Young America No. 6.—Third class engine; New York build (old style); two wheeled hose carriage; city property; in good order; S. Marshall, Foreman; 41 members.

Neptune Hose Co. No. 1.—Four wheeled Hose Carriage; Company property; in good order; A. Badlam Foreman; 21 members.

HOOK AND LADDER TRUCKS.
Mutual No.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER.—The name of GEO. W. McDONALD, of Pennsylvania Engine Co. No. 12, is presented as a candidate for the office of Assistant Engineer.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER.—The name of CORNELIUS WALSH, present Assistant Engineer, is presented as a candidate for reelection.

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